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SUBJECT:PRE-IG REVIEW OF FY 1976-77 EASTERN CARIBBEAN CASP

1. PRE-IG REVIEWED EASTERN CARIBBEAN CASP ON APRIL 1. EMBASSY IS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON WELL WRITTEN CASP, AND ON FACT THAT EMBASSY MET CASP DEADLINE DESPITE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES AT POST. PRE-IG WILL RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN THAT, SUBJECT TO CHANGES DISCUSSED BELOW, CASP BE APPROVED WITHOUT FORMAL NSC-IG/ARA MEETING. PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS AND DECISION MEMORANDUM WILL BE CIRCULATED TO IG MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL.

2. PRE-IG NOTED THAT THE ONLY MAJOR CASP ISSUE (SDAF FOR
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BARBADOS, GRENADA, AND ASSOCIATED STATES) HAD BEEN RESOLVED

IN ACCORDANCE WITH EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION, BY VIRTUE OF AID/W DECISION OF FEBRUARY 11, 1975. LEVEL FOR SDAF ESTABLISHED AT \$50,000, BUT MODEST INCREASES WILL BE CONSIDERED IF NEED IS DEMONSTRATED. PRE-IG ENDORSED THIS DECISION AND RECOMMENDED THAT ISSUE BE DELETED FROM CASP.

3. AID. AID.REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT AID WOULD OPPOSE LINKING AID LEVELS TO OUR INTEREST IN FORESTALLING POLITICAL INSTABILITY AND MAINTAINING NAVAL FACILITIES (SENTENCE FOUR, PARA 2, PAGE 3), THOUGH AID WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER

EXPANDED LOANS TO CDB ON THEIR MERITS.

4. CDB MEMBERSHIP. PRE-IG, WHILE NOTING CHARGE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT USG RECONSIDER ITS DECISION NOT TO SEEK CDB MEMBERSHIP, REAFFIRMED THAT DECISION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: A) APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP WOULD REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT CONGRESS WOULD SUPPORT SUCH ACTION AT THIS TIME; B) COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN MEMBERS ARE KNOWN TO BE CONCERNED OVER DISTRIBUTION OF EQUITY SHARES AND BALANCE OF THEIR CONTROL OF THE BANK; AND C) USG'S CURRENT STATUS ALLOWS US TO EXERT CONSIDERABLE LEVERAGE AS MAJOR DONOR WHILE AVOIDING ANY DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERALL CDB MANAGEMENT.

5. NEW POSTS. PRE-IG NOTED CHARGE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ESTABLISHING ONE OR MORE REPORTING POSTS IN EASTERN CARIBBEAN AS WELL AS KING REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. ISSUE WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN IG REVIEWS CARIBBEAN REGIONAL POLICY PAPER.

6. IMMIGRATION. PRE-IG NOTED CASP'S TREATMENT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PROBLEM AS WELL AS REQUESTED INCREASE IN CONSULAR PERSONNEL DUE TO ELIMINATION OF VISA WAIVER FOR TRAVEL TO PUERTO RICO AND USVI, AND OBSERVED THAT THESE MATTERS SHOULD RECEIVE HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION DURING VISIT TO POST BY SCA ADMINISTRATOR WALENTYNOWICZ.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS. PRE-IG NOTED DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM IN GRENADA AND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BRIDGETOWN'S CONFIDENTIAL

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A-26. PRE-IG ENDORSED EMBASSY'S OBJECTIVE OF AVOIDING TOO CLOSE AN IDENTIFICATION WITH CURRENT GRENADIAN REGIME.

8. AID RESOURCES. PRE-IG NOTED THAT OBJECTIVES 1 AND 2 ON PAGE 21 INVOLVE REGIONALLY FUNDED INSTITUTIONS. FINAL CASP WILL BE MODIFIED TO MAKE THIS CLEAR.

9. CU AND USIA RESOURCES. PRE-IG NOTED THAT CU RESOURCE

ESTIMATES ARE SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THOSE GIVEN IN POLICY AND RESOURCE GUIDANCE (A-367 OF JANUARY 17, 1975). WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT PROGRAMS FOR THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN WILL HAVE TO COMPETE WITH THOSE OF OTHER AREAS, PRE-IG URGED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INCREASED FUNDS IN THESE AREAS.

10. PRE-IG AGREED TO CHANGES FOR PEACE CORPS FUNDING AND PERSONNEL PROVIDED IN BRIDGETOWN TELEGRAM 350 OF MARCH 4, 1975.

11. ADDITIONAL MINOR TEXTUAL CHANGES WERE ALSO APPROVED BY PRE-IG AND WILL BE INCORPORATED IN FINAL VERSION OF CASP. CONSOLIDATED CASP CHANGE SHEET WILL BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

12. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY APRIL 21 ANY COMMENTS EMBASSY MAY HAVE.
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